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IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAEANA WILLIAMSON, CLERK OF TEXAS

EX PARTE ELIZABETH ANN GARRELS

ON DISCRETIONARY REVIEW FROM THE NINTH COURT OF APPEALS BEAUMONT, TEXAS No. 09-17-00038-CR

On Appeal from the County Court at Law No. 5
Montgomery County, Texas
Cause No. 17-29859

APPELLANT'S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE BRIEF ON THE MERITS

Elizabeth Ann Garrels, Appellant, pursuant to TEX. R. APP. P. 10.5(b), submits this motion to extend time to file a brief on the merits.

I.

On August 23, 2017, this Court granted Appellant's petition for discretionary review. Appellant's brief is due on September 22, 2017.

Appellant asks this Court to extend the deadline for filing this brief 30 days to October 23, 2017.

II.

In the last 30 days, undersigned counsel has worked on the following cases: *Ashton v. State*, PD-0955-17 and PD-0956-17, PDR due on October 2, 2017, *State v. Enriquez*, cause no. 2117110, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 8, Harris County, Texas, set for jury trial on August 28, 2017, *State v. Haisten*, cause no. 2106716, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 12, Harris County, Texas, set for jury trial on September 5, 2017, *State v. Wagoner*, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 1, Harris County, Texas, set for jury trial on October 3, 2017, and *State v. Funk*, No. 16-317564, in the County Court at Law No. 5, Montgomery County, Texas, set for jury trial on October 9, 2017. Counsel was also out of the office from August 26, 2017 through September 2, 2017 due to flooding in Houston, Texas.

III.

This Court has not previously granted an extension to file this brief.

This motion is not made for delay, but to see that justice is done.

Respectfully submitted,

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